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One year ago, the report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders analyzed in compelling terms the magnitude and the gravity of the problems confronting the nation.

Today--one year later--this report prepared by The Urban Coalition and Urban America makes it clear that the nation's response to the crisis of the cities has been perilously inadequate.

We have made a start--but only a start--on what the Commission described as "the major unfinished business of this nation." But we have not made the total commitment that is so urgently needed if we are to make this a liveable society for every American.

The building of a better America will require a far greater commitment of our resources and energies. More importantly, it will require an unstinting commitment of national will.

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